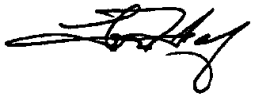
REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice, thus reserving the right to pursue the same or similar claims in this or continuing applications.

Applicant courteously solicits acceptance of the above Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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